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Department of Industries

Notification

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The Government of India with a view to develop Tourism in the State, have recommended that the Tourism may be declared as an Industry by the State Government. The Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industries have also urged the Government that since Tourism continues to be the second most important Industry in Goa, contributing substantially to Goa's economy and providing employment, and as Goa is a well known destination famous for its sunny climate and pristine beaches, the same may be awarded a status of the Industry. The Tourism is in fact playing an important role in all round growth and development of this State and it is also an employment incentive and major foreign exchange earned for the Country.

The Government of Goa after considering all the aspects in the matter and in order to achieve proper and planned growth of tourism activities in the State as well as all round growth and development of this Country hereby declares and accords Tourism the status of an Industry subject to the following conditions, namely:—

(i) The work of registration and other related matter connected with the management of Tourism Industry shall continue to be looked after by the Tourism Department.

(ii) No benefits such as Sales Tax Exemption Scheme as applicable at present to other industries shall be extended to the Tourism Industry.

(iii) Tourism Industry will continue to be levied Sales Tax and Luxury Tax as at present.

(iv) Water and power tariff levied on Industrial units will also apply in respect of Tourism Industry.

The following tourism project shall be automatically included and treated as Industry for all statutory purposes except those as specified above:

- (a) Hotels and Resorts;
- (b) Motels;
- (c) Arts & Crafts Village;
- (d) Amusement Parks;
- (e) Heritage Hotels;
- (f) Convention Centres;
- (g) Development of Hill Stations;
- (h) Projects approved by Classification Committees of Tourism Department of the Government of India or State Government.

The above decision shall come into force with effect from 1-4-2000.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Maria A. Rodrigues, Joint Secretary (Industries).

Panaji, 31st March, 2000.